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Office Action Summary

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Aug 6, 2001
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) 5, 6, and 11-13 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 7-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on Nov 27, 1998 is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- *See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 17) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 20) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restriction

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Group I, claims 1-4 and 7-10 in Paper No. 6 is acknowledged.
2. Claims 5, 6, and 11-13 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in Paper No. 6.

Priority

3. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Drawings

4. Figures 3 and 5A should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g).

Specification

5. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

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- ✓ 6. The following title is suggested: "Apparatus and Method for Multiplexing an Intra-Picture Coding Stream and Another Intra/Inter-Picture Coding Stream."

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

8. Claims 1-4 and 7-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Etoh (6,081,551).

Etoh, in Figures 6 and 7, discloses an image coding apparatus and methods that is the same apparatus and method for efficiently coding a moving picture signal as specified in claims 1-4 and 7-10 of the present invention, comprising a main coding processor (Fig. 6) to selectively encode an input moving picture signal 30 by intra-picture coding 11 or inter-picture coding 10 in unit of frame or field to output a main bit stream 32; a subsidiary coding processor (Fig. 7) to encode specific frames or fields carried by the input moving picture signal 30 by intra-picture coding 41 to output a subsidiary bit stream 52, the specific frames or fields being also coded by the inter-picture coding 10 by the main coding processor; and a multiplexer 33 to multiplex the main 32 and subsidiary 52 bit streams so that the subsidiary bit streams 52 are

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periodically inserted in the main bit stream 32 in the vicinity of a predetermined number of the frames or fields coded by the inter-picture coding 10, thus generating an output bit stream; wherein the main and the subsidiary coding processors execute the intra-picture coding with different coding parameters (6, 44); the main coding processor selectively executes uni-directional predictive coding P and bidirectional predictive coding B in unit of frame or field; and the subsidiary coding processor encodes the specific frames or fields t that are also coded by the uni-directional predictive coding p by the main coding processor (Figs. 3 and 9).

Conclusion

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10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Y. Lee whose telephone number is (703) 308-7584.



Y. LEE
PRIMARY EXAMINER

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